

CHANGING THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT LOCKS AT BALLARD, WASH., TO THE "HIRAM M. CHITTENDEN LOCKS"

JUNE 19, 1956.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BLATNIK, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted
the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7943]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7943) to change the name of the Government locks at Ballard, Wash., to the "Hiram M. Chittenden Locks," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

H. R. 7943 would designate the locks at Ballard, Wash., as the "Hiram M. Chittenden Locks." The locks are a part of the Lake Washington ship canal which lies entirely within the city of Seattle and extends from Puget Sound through Shilshole Bay, Salmon Bay, Lake Union, Portage Bay, and Union Bay to deep water in Lake Washington.

The bill would designate the locks as Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in honor of Brig. Gen. Hiram M. Chittenden, now deceased, who, as district engineer in Seattle, was primarily responsible for the design and construction of the locks. The committee has been advised that the bill has the support of interested groups and individuals in the State of Washington.

A report received from the Department of the Interior indicated that the Board of Geographic Names would have no comment since there is no geographical significance to the name selected. A report received by the committee from the Department of the Army indicating no objection to the enactment of the legislation is as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D. C., May 29, 1956.

HON. CHARLES A. BUCKLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of the Army with respect to H. R. 7943, 84th Congress, a bill to change the name of the Government locks at Ballard, Wash., to the "Hiram M. Chittenden Locks."

The Department of the Army offers no objection to the enactment of the above-mentioned bill. The purpose of the bill is to designate the locks at Ballard, Wash., a part of the Lake Washington ship canal, as the "Hiram M. Chittenden Locks."

Since it appears that, under Public Law 242, 80th Congress, the Board on Geographic Names may have an interest in this legislation, it is recommended that the views of the Board be requested.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

WILBER M. BRUCKER,
Secretary of the Army.

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